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PASS: FSE FOR MR. L. RAICHT, OES FOR KRATZER, ERDA FOR
SIEVERING AND BARANOWSKI

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT IEA NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE GROUP

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH KELLY, IEA, SCHMIDT-KUESTER
(FRG) AND HERZIG (UK), REVISED MANDATE FOR SLT SUB
GROUP ON THE NUCLEAR SECTOR WAS DEVELOPED AND AGREED TO.
MANDATE WOULD BE TABLED AT MAY 18-19 SLT MEETING AS US
PAPER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE MISSION OF AGREEMENT
TO REVISED TEXT BY COB FRIDAY MAY 14.

2. ASSUMING DEPARTMENT AND ERDA AGREE TO TEXT,
RECOMMEND IT BE INTRODUCED BY US DEL AT SLT MEETING
SPELLING OUT TASKS WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY NEW
GROUP AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EARLIER US TEXT.
US DEL SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT CURRENT AD HOC BACK
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END OF FUEL CYCLE STUDY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF HAGEN (FRG)

WOULD CONTINUE AND ITS CONCLUSIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY CERD AND NEW NUCLEAR GROUP AS APPROPRIATE. US INTRODUCTION OF REVISED TEXT SHOULD INDICATE IT BASED ON CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT.

3. IN AGREEING TO TEXT SCHMIDT-KUESTER AND HERZIG NOTED TO US (PROCHNIK AND VANDERRYN) THAT NO IEA ACTIONS ON BACK END OF FUEL CYCLE COULD INTERFERE WITH LIMITED REPROCESSOR COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN FRG, UK AND FRANCE.

4. HERZIG EXPRESSED STRONG WISH TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN. HE WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED IN THIS DESIRE BY SCHMIDT-KUESTER.

5. TEXT REVISED DRAFT FOLLOWS: (1) TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY FOR THE AGENCY AS A WHOLE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGENCY'S REDUCED DEPENDENCY OBJECTIVES;

(2) FROM TIME TO TIME, TO REVIEW NATIONAL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE AND TO IDENTIFY ANY CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS HAMPERING THEIR FULL REALISATION. THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES SHOULD IN PARTICULAR, INCLUDE: (A) A SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS, (B) A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM AND THE SERVICES (ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING) WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS;

(3) TO RECOMMEND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS, E.G. MEASURES TO ENSURE TIMELY SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUEL WHICH MIGHT SERVE TO REDUCE CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) ABOVE;

(4) TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE MAIN PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR POWER, E.G. THE PROVISION OF FINANCE, THE SITING OF INSTALLATIONS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE; AND THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY; AND TO RECOMMEND SUCH COLLECTIVE ACTION BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AGENCY AS MIGHT BE USEFUL. IN CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE MANDATE, THE NEW SUB-GROUP WILL UTILISE RESOURCES AND ON-GOING WORK IN THE OECD, DRAWING IN PARTICULAR ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE NEA AND IN COOPERATION WITH IT. THIS WOULD BE DONE IN A MANNER SO AS NOT TO CONSTRAIN THE AGENCY AND ON A TIME SCALE APPROPRIATE TO ITS OBJECTIVES. THE SUB GROUP WILL ALSO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENCY

GROUPS CONCERNED INCLUDING THE R&D GROUP AND THE SLT
SUB-GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT. IN PARTICULAR
PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED WHICH CALL FOR R&D ACTION SHALL BE
REFERRED TO THE R&D GROUP WHICH SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS
ROLE AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR.
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